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SUBJECT: MAURITIUS WEEKLY REVIEW - MARCH 11 (SUMMARY)

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1. MAKING HIS FIRST TRIP ABROAD IN MANY MONTHS, PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM TOOK A STRONG DELEGATION TO THE CAIRO AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE, INCLUDING HIS FOREIGN AND FINANCE MINISTERS. MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT (MMM) DEPUTIES ARE BOYCOTTING SOME OF THE MARCH 12 INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY FUNCTIONS TO PROTEST THE LACK OF TRADE UNION AND WORKER PARTICIPATION IN THE PLANNING. A SOVIET CRUISER, DESTROYER AND TANKER ARE VISITING PORT LOUIS IN CONNECTION WITH THE INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS. THE EXTREME LEFT MMM-SP PARTY, WHICH HAS BEEN FUEDING WITH THE MMM FOR YEARS, HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL SUPPORT THE MMM IN THE APRIL 24 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AS THE "LESSER EVIL."

2. THE BANK OF MAURITIUS HAS ANNOUNCED MEASURES FOR 1977 DESIGNED TO REDUCE IMPORTS, FIGHT INFLATION, BRING THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS INTO EQUILIBRIUM, AND SLOW GROWTH IN THE MONEY SUPPLY. COMMERCIAL CREDIT IS BEING RESTRICTED, INTEREST RATES RAISED AND 50 PERCENT DEPOSITS ARE BEING REQUIRED ON
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ORDERS OF IMPORTS. THE CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURE HAS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY DISCLOSED THE EXACT COST OF PRODUCING MAURITIAN SUGAR. LAST YEAR THE AVERAGE COST WAS 174 POUNDS STERLING PER TON AND THE AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED WAS 178 POUNDS. THE CHAMBER ARGUES THAT PRODUCTION COSTS MUST BE REDUCED OR THE EFFECTS ON THE ECONOMY WILL BE CATASTROPHIC. THE MMM HAS REVEALED THAT THE ROSE BELLE SUGAR FACTORY, THE ONLY ONE OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT,

EARNED PROFITS IN 1975 NEARLY EQUAL TO ITS INVESTED CAPITAL.
ACCORDING TO THE MMM THESE OUTSTANDING RESULTS ARGUE FOR MORE
NATIONALIZATIONS OF SUGAR FACTORIES. (THE MMM FAILED TO MENTION
THAT SUGAR PRICES IN 1975 WERE EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH.)
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